



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 783**

*January Session, 2007*

Substitute House Bill No. 7369

*House of Representatives, May 7, 2007*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 11 of public act 06-184 is amended to read as  
2 follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to study strategies for providing  
4 long-term solutions for the state's brownfields.

5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following [nine] ten members,  
6 each of whom shall have expertise in brownfield redevelopment either  
7 in environmental law, engineering, finance, development, consulting,  
8 insurance or other relevant experience:

9 (1) Two appointed by the Governor;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 12 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 13 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;
- 15 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 16 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives; [and]
- 18 (8) A representative of the Department of Economic and  
19 Community Development, as appointed by the Commissioner of  
20 Economic and Community Development; and
- 21 [(8)] (9) A representative of the Department of Environmental  
22 Protection, as appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental  
23 Protection.
- 24 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
25 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
26 member of the General Assembly. At least one member shall be an  
27 employee.
- 28 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
29 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
30 filled by the appointing authority.
- 31 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
32 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
33 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
34 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no  
35 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 36 (f) Not later than [January 1, 2007] February 1, 2008, the task force  
37 shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint  
38 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
39 matters relating to environment and commerce, in accordance with the  
40 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. [The task force shall

41 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2007,  
42 whichever is later.]

43 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
45 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	PA 06-184, Sec. 11

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 08 \$</b>	<b>FY 09 \$</b>
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill reinstates and continues the Brownfields Task Force, adds a representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) as a member, and requires the administrative staff of the Commerce Committee to serve the task force. It is anticipated that the DECD and the Department of Environmental Protection can handle the continued membership within normal budgetary resources. To the extent that any of the Brownfield Task Force appointees are legislators, the Office of Legislative Management would incur minimal costs associated with mileage reimbursement of 48.5 cents per mile.

#### **The Out Years**

The potential ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue until the task force terminates.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 7369*****AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill reestablishes the Brownfields Task Force indefinitely and requires it to report additional recommendations to the legislature on how to clean up contaminated properties. The report is due February 1, 2008. The initial report was due January 1, 2007.

The bill increases the task force's membership to 10 by requiring the economic and community development commissioner to appoint a department representative to the task force. The current members are legislative appointees; a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection, appointed by its commissioner; and two gubernatorial appointees. All members must have expertise in environmental law, engineering, finance, development, consulting, insurance, or other relevant areas.

Lastly, the bill requires the Commerce Committee staff to serve as the task force's administrative staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 340) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute, deleting provisions establishing new brownfield remediation programs, expanding the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development's (OBRD) pilot program for remediating and redeveloping contaminated sites in targeted cities, and increasing OBRD's duties and its capacity to fulfill

them.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/20/2007)

## Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 46 Nay 0 (04/19/2007)